OKAY, I'M BACK FROM VACATION, AND PART OF ME ALREADY MISSES IT BUT NOTE THE EXTREMEME LACK OF CIVILIZATION THAT I DON'T MISS ... ENJOY THE RELEASES
Cat Chan Scans
REMEMBER TO SUPPORT THE MANGAKA AND BUY YOUR COPY TOO!!!
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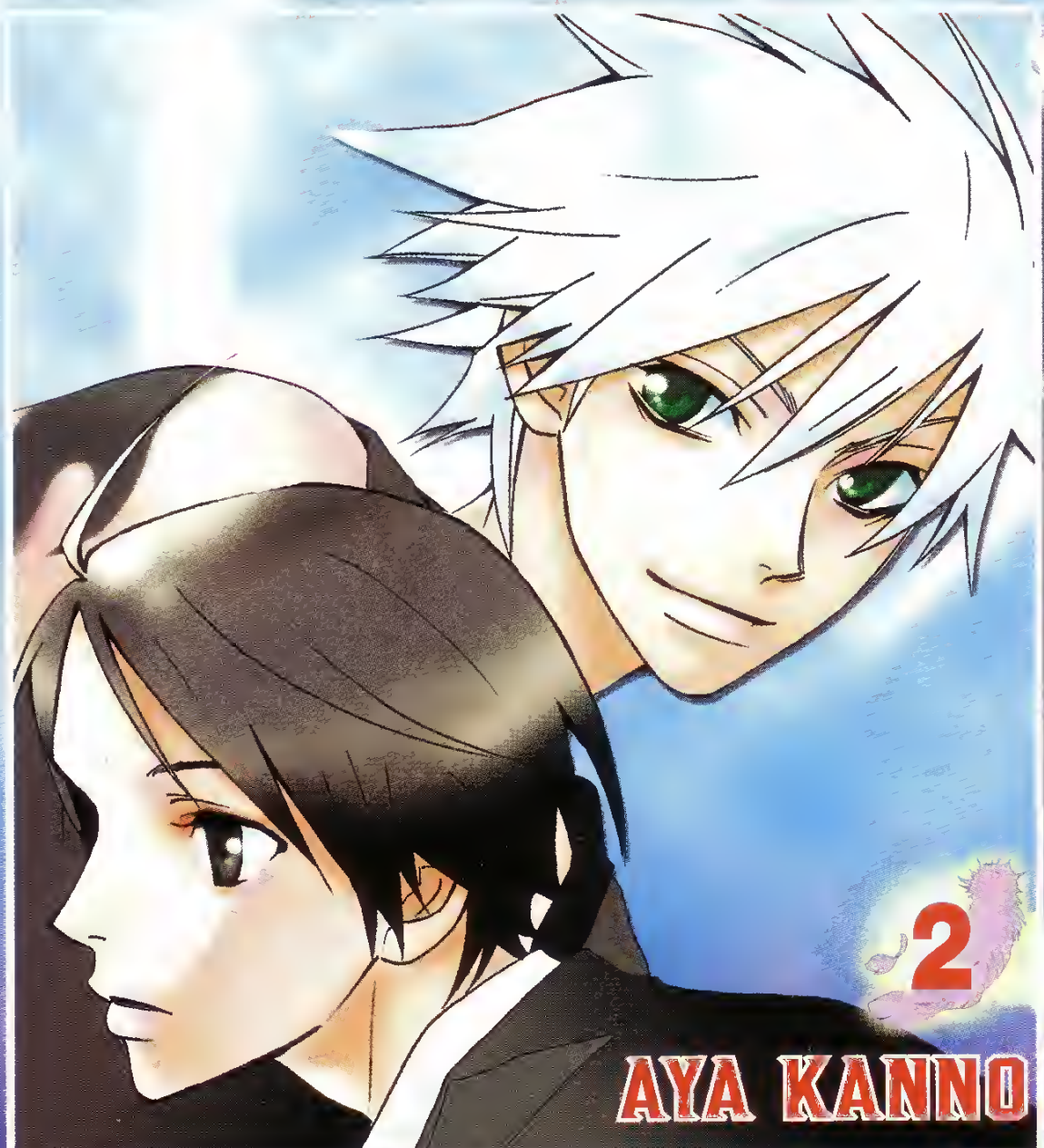

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There is a young woman from a distant land who will come from the direction of the setting sun.
Make this young woman the partner of the King. If not..
...the Gods' wrath shall envelop the island.
IT'S

SR

YOU TWO! HAVE YOU SEEN A GIRL AROUND HERE?
?
AREN'T YOU HOT, KAITO?
BUT REALLY, THIS MORTAL WORLD IS A FREAKIN' BOTHER! IT'S EITHER BURNING HOT OR FREEZING COLD!
CLEAR THE MIND
HEY!
KING HALOHALO'S FIANCÉ HAS DISAPPEARED!
IF WE DON'T FIND HER SOON. WELL, THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY'S TOMORROW!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THIS IS TERRIBLE!
AT THIS RATE, THE GODS' WRATH WILL--!!
MY GOD...
Is it even human?
OH, I SEE
SHE LOOKS SOMETHING LIKE THIS..
Portrait

IT'S SO HOT!!
RENJI
A ROGUE ANGEL BANISHED TO EARTH IN REPENTANCE OF HIS WAYS. UNTIL HE RESCUES 10,000 HUMAN SOULS, HE CANNOT RETURN TO HEAVEN.
WHERE ARE WE?
KAITO
AN ELITE ANGEL WHO ACTS AS RENJI'S GUARDIAN ESCORT
Southern Islands
The boat they came in on
WE GOT A PROBLEM... THIS IS WHAT I'D CALL A POINTLESS TRIO...
THAT'S WHAT WE GET FOR BOARDING A BOAT BEFORE THINKING THINGS THROUGH

HUH?
AH...
RENJI?!
SHALALA!!
I'M NOT MARRYING HIM!
NO WAY!!
I'D RATHER DIE FIRST!!
NOOO!!

CLUNK
GODS..?
IT'S..!
I-I-IT'S..
TOO FRIGHTENING TO SPEAK OF!
KYAAAEEEEK!!

SR

I'm happy to see you all again!! This is Kanno and this is the second volume of Soul Rescue! The second volume! Wee!! This is all thanks to my readers. Thank you!!

For this chapter about Shalala's reappearance I used images of the Bahamas and the like for the background to make for an overall southern island feeling. Though I think I ended up drawing it like it was a resort or something. Even though in reality, I'm sitting here in this tiny apartment downtown sweating at my desk... and it's summer! Summer!! But it's okay. As long as I can go to a rock concert I'm happy if I can have my live performances. Spring. Summer... Fall. and Winter = Plenty of shows!

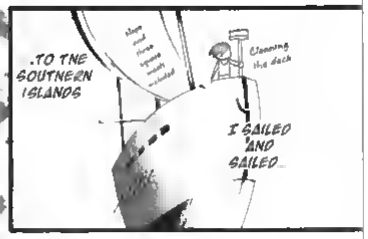
Aaah... but where I really want to go is the tropics.

That must've been tough.
BUT ANYWAY, WHY'D YOU LEAVE THE CASTLE AND GO TRAVELING IN THE FIRST PLACE?
YOU'RE TOO NAIVE TO BE ON YOUR OWN
It's dangerous for you.

Explanation

SHALALA

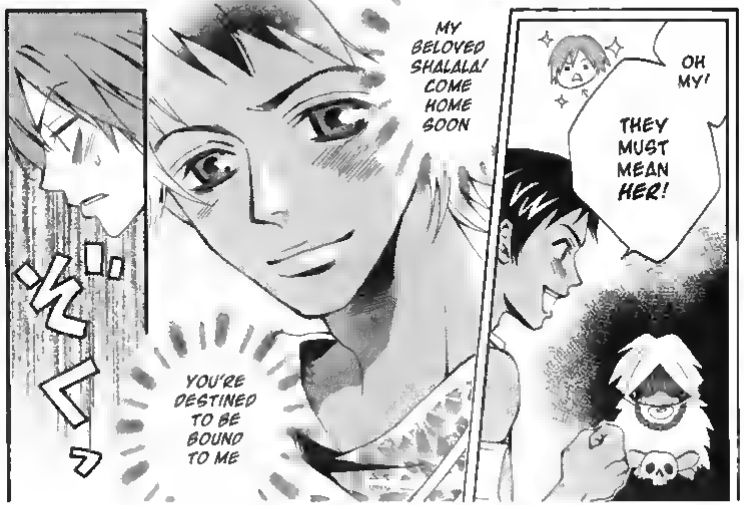
PHANDELIA'S SECOND PRINCESS. SHE WAS MIXED UP IN A FAMILY FEUD OVER SUCCESSION RIGHTS BUT WAS SAVED BY RENJI WITH A NEW MINDSET THAT SHE WANTS TO BECOME STRONGER, SHE'S TRAVELING THE WORLD RIGHT NOW BUT...



THE MINUTE I ARRIVED.

THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU...
MY HEART WAS ENSLAVED IN AN INSTANT
WHERE ARE YOU, SHALALA?

Make the young woman from a distant land who comes from the direction of the setting sun your mate!
King.
AND THEN
It is a message from the Gods.


MY BELOVED SHALALA! COME HOME SOON
OH MY!
THEY MUST MEAN HER!
YOU'RE DESTINED TO BE BOUND TO ME

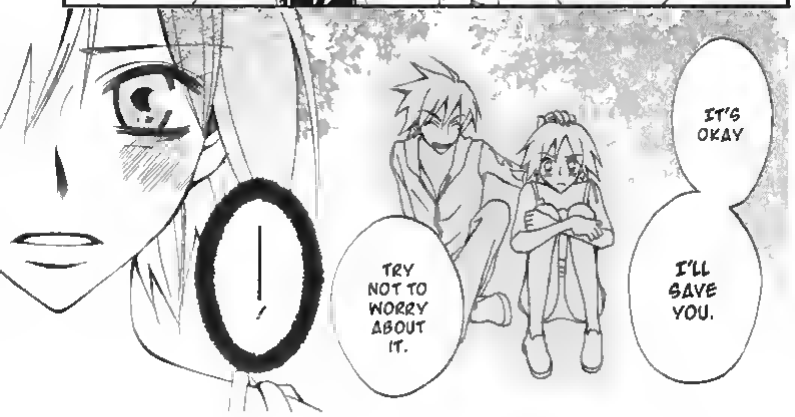
H-
HOW COULD I DO THAT?!
I'M NOT MARRYING HIM!
WELL, NO MATTER
IS IT TRUE YOU'RE GOING TO MARRY THAT KING?

Gasp!
UH, I MEAN... ALL THIS STUFF ABOUT MARRIAGE IS COMING FROM THEM ANYWAY!
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S SOME MESSAGE FROM THEIR GODS OR WHAT!
OH.
OKAY
Scared me

←"Them"
WHERE IS MY BRIDE?!
HAS NO ONE FOUND HER YET?!

OH?
HMM...
I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND MYSELF
WHAT THAT WORD REALLY MEANS
HUH?
WELL... I SUPPOSE I LIKE YOU FOR EXAMPLE
I DON'T MEAN "LIKE"
Direct
WHAT I MEAN IS... LOVE...

AND THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T WANT TO MARRY THE KING
I get it
HUH?
...HAVE SOMEONE YOU LIKE IN THAT WAY, EH?
I SEE NOW SO YOU, SHALALA


!
TRY NOT TO WORRY ABOUT IT.
IT'S OKAY
I'LL SAVE YOU.

STILL IN HIDING
I SUDDENLY FELT A CHILL
Renji, he went to get us some food.
I'm going to go too.
Huh, it's just the two of us.
SHALALA

OF COURSE!
IF I'M GOING TO MARRY ANYONE...

Y-
YEAH?
ARE YOU REALLY DEADSET AGAINST MARRYING HIM?

RENJI, IS THERE...
...SOMEONE THAT YOU LIKE?

...I WANT IT TO BE TO SOMEONE I REALLY LOVE.

?
SPLASH
SPLASH
...?
THERE NOW EAT UP...
YOU SEE, I...
.....
I...

RENJI?
COULD YOU EVER FALL FOR SOMEONE?
HUH, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THIS AREA IS COMPLETELY UNINHABITED
SPLASH
I SUPPOSE THAT AS LONG AS THEY DON'T COME TO THE SHORE, THEY SHOULDN'T BE FOUND
...
I HOPE SHE WASN'T FOUND BY THEM
I'm worried about those two being out there all alone
IT'S GOTTEN LATE

BUT, KAITO, TELL ME.
CAN AN ANGEL EVER FALL FOR SOMEBODY?
...COULD YOU EVER FALL FOR SOMEONE?
RENJI
EEEEEEK!!
I've got a bad feeling
DON'T GET TOO INVOLVED WITH HER...
...OR ELSE HER MEMORY WILL HAVE TO BE ERASED.
.....

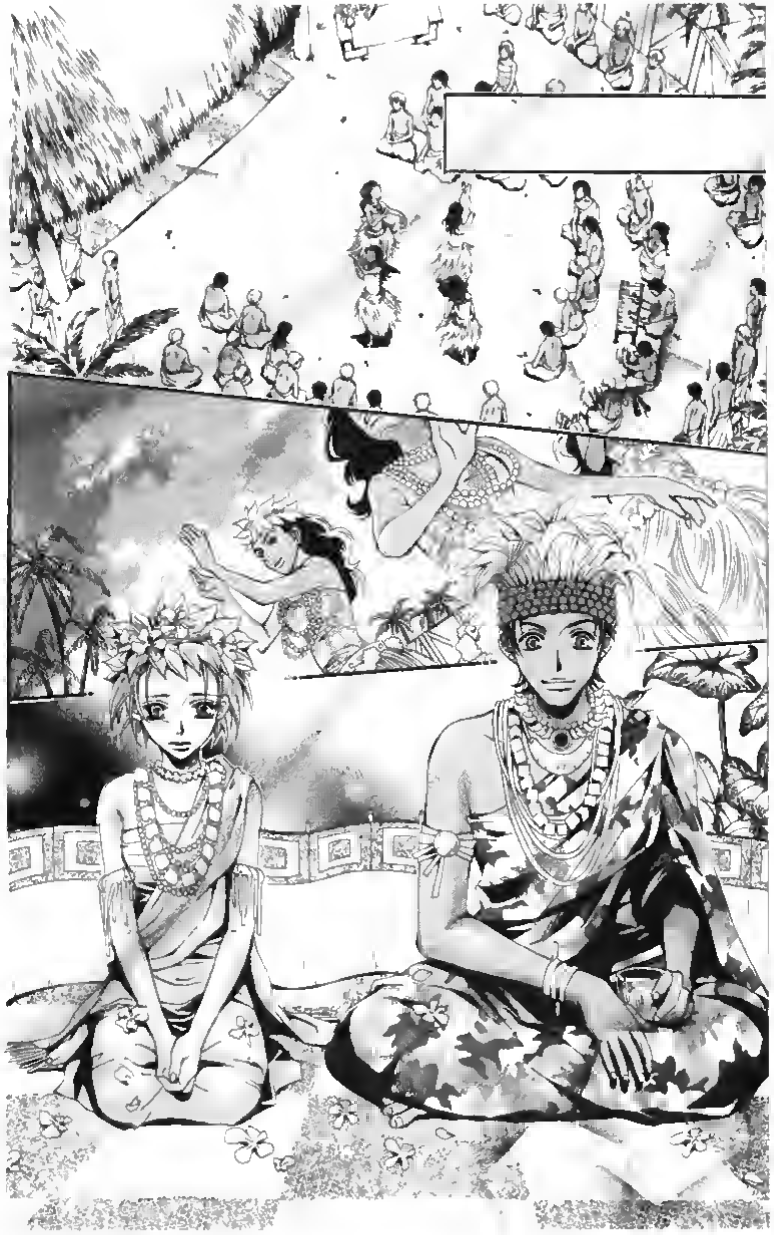
OKAY
LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE NO SHIDS SCHEDULED UNTIL THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW
False start
RENJI!
In the ocean?!
BUT YOU'LL BE CAUGHT!
I, UH.. I'M GOING TO GO WASH MY FACE!
In the ocean
ANGELS MUST LOVE ALL HUMANS EQUALLY.
...THUS IT IS PROHIBITED TO LOVE ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL.
WHAT'S UP WITH HER?
She okay?
RENJI, LISTEN

GREAT GRAND-MOTHER!
He speaks the truth!
We've tasted their wrath many a time before now, isn't that so?
If the Gods anger, it wouldn't be hard for them to crush us.
YOU FOREIGNERS DON'T UNDERSTAND
THE ISLAND HAS ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY
IF WE IGNORE THE GODS' MESSAGE, THEY WILL SURELY PUNISH US!
THAT'S RIGHT! NOW LET'S BRING HER BACK!
Eeeek!
SHA--
Hold it
RENJI.
I HAVE AN IDEA.
?
IT'S THAT WOMAN FROM BEFORE

SO YOU VENTURED INTO THE PROHIBITED AREA AND THEN HID WITHIN THE SACRED GROUNDS, EH?
You dared
Sacred grounds?
NO WONDER WE COULDN'T FIND YOU!
Sure enough
I'VE FOUND HER!
LET ME GO!
EVERY-ONE, COME!
THERE'S NO MIS-TAKING IT!
YEP, THAT'S HER FACE ALL RIGHT!
A warning sign
RENJI!
WAIT JUST A MINUTE!
YOU'RE THAT GUY FROM THIS AFTERNOON
I DON'T CARE IF HE'S THE KING! FORCING SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T EVEN LIKE HIM TO MARRY JUST BECAUSE SOME STUPID FORTUNE-TELLER SAID SO
...IS GOING A LITTLE TOO FAR, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

RENJI...
YOU'RE LOOKING BEAUTIFUL
SHALALA
HE'S NOT COMING
I KNEW IT

THE GODS'..
I COULD SAY THE SAME ABOUT MEETING RENJI AGAIN TOO.
YEP.
THAT THE TWO OF US, BORN IN SUCH SEPARATE AND DISTANT LANDS, SHOULD MEET LIKE THIS
IS NOTHING SHORT OF THE GODS' DIRECT GUIDANCE
I WONDER IF HE REALLY..
COULD CARE LESS WHAT HAPPENS TO ME



...ON HOLD FOR A MINUTE, YA MIND?
LET'S PUT THIS MARRIAGE ..
?!
ガシ
NOW ISN'T THAT A LITTLE SUSPICIOUS?
OH MY
TH--
THE GODS HAVE?!
THAT CAN'T BE!
IT IS ONLY THROUGH ME THAT THE GODS' VOICES CAN BE HEARD!
...AM IN LOVE WITH SOME-ONE ELSE!!

NOW THEN
LET US PLEDGE OUR VOWS BEFORE THE GODS.
I WANT TO BECOME STRONGER. LIKE RENJI.
RENJI GAVE ME STRENGTH.
WHILE I'D LIVED MY WHOLE LIFE RUNNING AWAY WHEN THINGS GOT TOUGH...
...I HAD... FALLEN IN LOVE WITH RENJI.
OUR VOWS TO AN EVERLASTING LOVE
BEFORE I'D EVEN REALIZED IT...
BECAUSE
BECAUSE I...
I.. I CAN'T MARRY SOMEONE I DON'T LOVE!
HUH..?
BUT..
THAT'S IT!
I CAN'T DO IT!
The one she doesn't love
BY OUR CLAIMS, WE WILL BE BOUND TOGETHER FOR OUR ENTIRE LIVES!

SHALALA!
WH-WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!
HE'S RIGHT!
WE'VE GONE AGAINST THEIR WISHES!
WE'LL SUFFER THE GODS' WRATH.
OH YEAH
HEY, GRANNY
THE GODS ARE GOING TO BE ANGRY, RIGHT?
WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO?

WHOA!
RENJI!!
YO
WHY, YOU--
I REALLY THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST GOING TO ABANDON ME!
SORRY SORRY
I was busy
BUT...
...I TOLD YOU I'D SAVE YOU, DIDN'T I?
COME WITH ME, PRETTY BRIDE.

K-KING HALO-HALO!
IS.. IS THAT TRUE, GRAND-MOTHER?
THAT'S HOW YOU TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE TERRIBLE "GODS"
AND MOVED THE COUNTRY FROM THE SHADOWS BY MAKING UP THOSE "MESSAGES," EH?
BECAUSE YOU'D BEEN MADE KING WHEN YOU WERE TOO YOUNG TO KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE WAYS OF RULING!
I GUIDED YOU AS THE MESSAGE-BEARER TO ENSURE YOUR RIGHT AS RULER WOULD GO UNCHALLENGED!
...!
IT'S TRUE! BUT IT WAS ALL FOR YOU!
I'VE WATCHED OVER YOUR GROWTH AND PROGRESS FOR ALL THESE YEARS
ALL I WANTED WAS FOR YOU TO BE HAPPY.
GRAND-MOTHER
HM?
Doom
YES.
I KNEW THAT YOU WERE INTERESTED IN THAT GIRL...
THEN, THIS LATEST MESSAGE WAS ALSO--
RUMBLE RUMBLE

COME ON!
WAKE UP ALREADY!
SHOW ME YOUR WRATH, YOU STUPID MONSTER!!
ROCK
I SEE NORMALLY YOU QUELL A FEROCIOUS BEAST WITH FOOD
BUT WHEN WE DON'T PROTECT YOUR REVELATIONS, WE ALLOW YOU TO UNLEASH YOUR WRATH ON US WITHOUT OFFERING FOOD IS THAT IT?
THAT'S RIGHT.
YESTERDAY
Dinnertime!
I HAD THOUGHT TODAY'S CEREMONY WOULD GO FINE, SINCE I FED YOU SO WELL YESTERDAY
DANG IT!
USUALLY YOU ATTACK EVEN WHEN YOU'RE LEFT ALONE
WH-WHAT THE--?! WHO ARE YOU?!

I WONDER IF THEY ALSO LOOK ALIKE?
HEY, GOD!
YOU THINK...
..MAYBE YOUR PRANK'S GONE A LITTLE TOO FAR?!
BROTHER OCTOPUS!

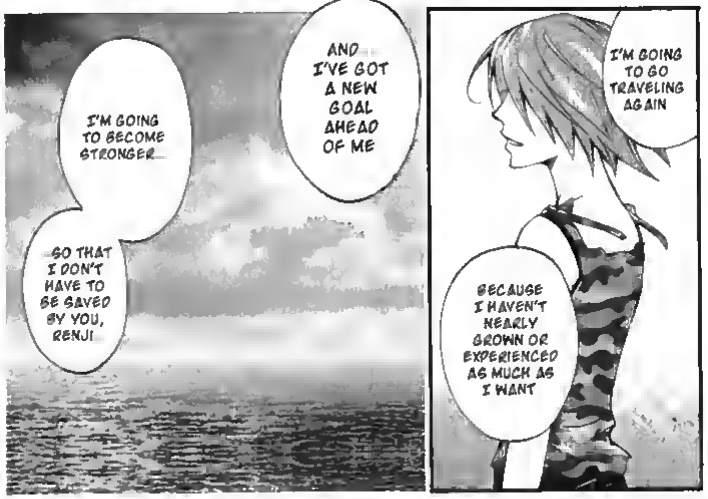
Shut up!!
AAAAH!!
IT'S THE WRATH OF THE GODS!
IT'S
IT'S THE GODS!

GOD...
KENJI
The backside of this island

ヒドギ——
GO BACK TO THE SEA WHERE YOU BELONG
AND NO MORE BULLYING, GOT IT?
ボッ
GO--

THINGS WORKED OUT, EH, SHALALA?
NOW YOU CAN GO HOME, RIGHT?
.....

I'M.....
...NOT READY TO GO HOME YET.....


I'M GOING TO GO TRAVELING AGAIN
BECAUSE I HAVEN'T NEARLY GROWN OR EXPERIENCED AS MUCH AS I WANT
AND... I'VE GOT A NEW GOAL AHEAD OF ME
I'M GOING TO BECOME STRONGER.....
SO THAT I DON'T HAVE TO BE SAVED BY YOU, RENJI.....

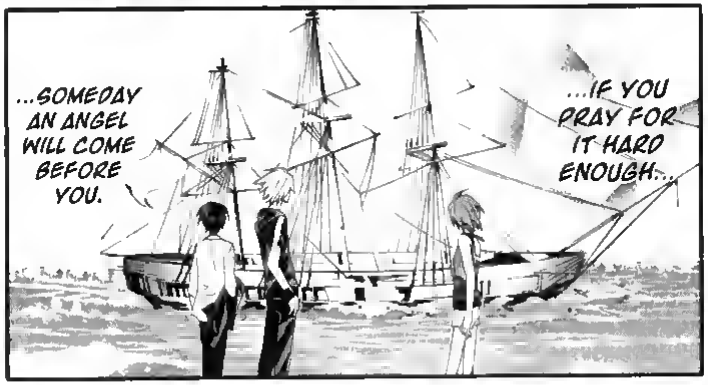
Whaaa!
CASE CLOSED!

I'M SORRY, SHALALA
I WASN'T EVEN THINKING OF YOUR FEELINGS.....
I've learn the error of my ways!

...AS I RULE THIS COUNTRY FIRMLY AS THEIR KING
King
FROM NOW ON, I'M NOT GOING TO DEPEND UPON MY GRAND-MOTHER FOR GUIDANCE

PLEASE COME AGAIN
SO PLEASE DO COME AGAIN ONLY THEN, WILL I PROPOSE TO YOU PROPERLY

AND WE GOT THESE COOL SOUVENIRS AS A TOKEN OF THEIR APPRECIATION (AND APOLOGY).



AND WE'LL MEET AGAIN THEN. I KNOW IT...

WHETHER OR NOT YOUR WISH WILL COME TRUE
GRR!
SHEESH, I WON'T BE SWINDLED AGAIN!
DON'T LET YOURSELF BE TRICKED AND ROBBED FOR ALL YOU'VE GOT AGAIN
GOOD LUCK

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WHEN WE MEET AGAIN ..
..I'LL BE A SUPER HOT WOMAN BY THEN, SO DON'T FORGET IT!
EPILOGUE
OUR NEW GOD!
Oooooh!

THIS SNOW STORM IS MUCH WORSE THAN I'D PREDICTED.
IT'S NO GOOD!! I CAN'T GO ON!
I'm done for!
...THE TWO CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEY TO SAVE ALL HUMANITY.
ALL RIGHT! A VILLAGE!
BUT GO DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS?
I KNOW...
BUT THERE SHOULD BE A PLACE AROUND HERE WHERE WE CAN TAKE A BREAK
HUH?

IN THE DISTANT FUTURE.
THERE IS A WORLD MAPPING A NEW HISTORY FOR ITSELF.
SHEESH!
WITH THE POWER OF SOUL RESCUE EMBEDDED IN RENJI'S LIPS..
I CAN'T SEE A FOOT IN FRONT OF ME!
Is this what they call a whiteout?!
MEET THE ROGUE ANGEL, RENJI, CAST INTO THE MORTAL WORLD, ALONG WITH HIS GUARDIAN ESCORT, KAITO.

GET OUT!
YOU DEVIL!
?!
I'M SORRY TO DO THIG TO YOU, BUT
YOU SHOULD LEAVE THIS VILLAGE AS SOON AS YOU CAN
EEK!
I'M SORRY!
バタ ーン

WHO IS IT?
I SWEAR, IT'S TIMES LIKE THESE THAT MY HABITS COME IN HANDY
ERR, FORGIVE ME FOR INTERRUPTING BUT..
COMING
WE'RE TRAVELERS IN NEED OF--
I'll leave the manners to you
WHAT..
WHAT HAVE YOU COME FOR?

CER-
TAINLY!
COME
ON IN!
Well it's not like we'd die or anything (being angels and all)
PHEW!
YOU'RE A LIFESAVER!
THAT'S A TERRIBLE STORM WE'RE HAVING OUT THERE, ISN'T IT?
MY, IT MUST'VE BEEN HARD FOR YOU TWO
SORRY FOR SUDDENLY IMPOSING ON YOU LIKE THIS

ヒュ
WE'LL FREEZE TO DEATH OUT HERE!
THIS ISN'T GOOD.
ォ-ォォ
I KNOW
THE MOMENT THEY SAW YOUR FACE, KAITO
WHAT'S WITH ALL OF THEM?
YOU DEVIL!
THERE'S ONE MORE HOUSE OVER THERE!
LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT!
HM?

SR

I'm actually very bad at handling the cold! I have a downright hypersensitivity to the cold
I like winter. I think it's the landscape and the quality of the air that I like the best. There's something about the dreary atmosphere to it all that's just so great. Maybe because I was born in winter?
Oh, speaking of birthdays. In many letters I've been asked the question "When are Renji and Kaito's birthdays and how old are they?"
Since they're angels they don't have birthdays. But since they used to be human in their previous existence, they must've had them then. As for their age, they're around a couple of thousand of years old. After all, they exist in a very different dimension from humans.

IT SEEMS TO HAVE LIGHTENED UP A BIT
YES, BUT
YOU'RE GOING OUT?
IT STILL HASN'T STOPPED

I'M CALLED LULU, THE PHARMACIST
I'M RUNNING LOW ON MY MEDICINAL PLANTS.
AND I'M GOOD AT WHAT I DO
IF I CAN'T DO MY JOB, THE VILLAGERS WILL BE IN TROUBLE

LOOKS LIKE MILLY AND HER SISTERS WILL BE TOO LONELY
RENJI-SAN, PLEASE WATCH THE HOUSE WHILE WE'RE OUT
!!!!
Pyuu
Pyuu!
OH, ME TOO!
I'LL HELP YOU
IN EXCHANGE FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE

THAT SOUND THEY'RE MAKING
That "pyuu" sound
THEY ONLY MAKE WHEN THEY'RE HAPPY

Pyuu
IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT MILLY AND THE OTHERS GET SO ATTACHED TO PEOPLE LIKE THIS
!
What are these things?

ヒュオオオ
.....

...I'M NOT AFRAID.
...
A-CHOO!
DID YOU FIND IT?
UH-HUH...
EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T SEE, TOUCHING IT LIKE THIS..
...AND SMELLING IT HELPS ME MAKE SURE OF WHAT IT IS
I...

ヒュウウ
DO YOU ALWAYS COME OUT HERE BY YOURSELF?
YES FROM THE TIME I WAS SMALL, MY PARENTS TAUGHT ME...
HOW TO FIND MEDICINAL PLANTS AND TO EXTRACT MEDICINES FROM THEM
AND USUALLY IT'S MORE PEACEFUL HERE.
WITH EVERYONE WATCHING OVER ME SO KINDLY...

...YOU MUST ALWAYS...
...LOVE YOURSELF
...EVEN IF YOU COULD HAVE EVERYONE LOVE YOU--
BUT THE TRUTH IS...
EVEN IF OTHERS...
...LOOK DOWN ON YOU...
HM?
WHAT IS IT?
Growl
Growl
LET'S GET BACK QUICKLY!
OH NO!
SHE'S HURT!

NOW...
...I'VE MADE PEACE WITH MYSELF THE WAY I AM
OH, NO...
YOU'RE...
...VERY STRONG
KAITO...
..DO YOU HATE YOURSELF?
.....
LONG AGO I...HATED MYSELF I EVEN CURSED THESE USELESS EYES OF MINE
BUT...
...BECAUSE OF THEM, THERE ARE THINGS THAT ONLY I CAN DO
I FEEL THAT THERE'S SO MUCH MORE I CAN SEE NOW WITH MY BLINDNESS

THEY'RE FINALLY BACK
HEY YOU TWO, DO SOMETHING ABOUT THESE--
Pyuu!
Stop it already
THUMP THUMP
THUMP
Pyuu!
I'M HERE TO PICK UP SOME COLD MEDICINE I ORDERED A WHILE BACK
OH...
WHAT BECAME OF THAT GUY YOU WERE WITH?
HE LEFT LIKE WE TOLD HIM TO, DID HE?
THOSE BLACK HAIR AND BLACK EYES ARE SIGNS OF A DEVIL COME TO WREAK HAVOC ON OUR VILLAGE!
UH..
SORRY
I'M JUST HOUSE-SITTING RIGHT NOW
IT'S YOU...
HM?

EEK!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
TH--
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I..
I'M SORRY

HEY
WE'RE OUTTA WOOD
ON
.....
NO
THAT'S NOT--
EARLIER I BLURTED OUT...SUCH ARROGANT THINGS.
I REALLY SAID TOO MUCH.
IT'S JUST I WAS SO HAPPY ABOUT HAVING GUESTS AFTER SO LONG I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF.
A VILLAGER CAME BY?
Stay over there
Pyuu!
YEAH AND I THINK
LULU'S BEEN OSTRACIZED BY THE VILLAGERS

HUN?
What great timing!
WHAT ABOUT YOUR COLD?!
PEK
FORGET ABOUT THE MEDICINE
.....
WE TALKIN' ABOUT THE SAME GUY HERE?
YOU MEAN KAITO?
THE FOOL, LUCY..
DOES SHE MEAN TO BRING HARM TO OUR VILLAGE, TAKING IN A DEVIL LIKE THAT?
JUST AS I THOUGHT, THOSE EYES ARE A CURSE FROM A DEVIL!
Tweet
ALL BETTER!
THE MEDICINE SHOULD KICK IN SHORTLY.
I'M SORRY..
I UNDER-STAND...
...WHY YOU'RE LOVED BY THE ANIMALS LIKE THIS.

SHEESH, HE LOOKS JUST LIKE A DEVIL!
YEAH.
WHAT'S WITH HIS HAIR COLOR?
AND HIS EYES, TOO!
DID YOU..
...JUST SEE THAT?
GOOD-FOR-NOTHING.
THIS CURSED COLOR...
I'LL NEVER BE ACCEPTED WITH IT
DEAR GOD, WHY?
BUT I'LL MAKE THEM RECOGNIZE ME...
WHY AM I SO DIFFER-ENT?
WHY ONLY ME?

HAVING GUESTS AFTER SO LONG...
IF YOU COULD HAVE EVERYONE LOVE YOU...
IF SHE WEREN'T, WHAT OTHER REASON COULD SHE POSSIBLY HAVE FOR BEING SO FAR REMOVED FROM THE VILLAGE?
.....
WHO'S EVER HEARD OF A BLACK-HAIRED BLACK-EYED ANGEL BEFORE ANYWAY?
AND IT IS TRUE THAT DEVILS HAVE BLACK HAIR AND BLACK EYES
THAT'S
BECAUSE THEY DID SOMETHING BAD TO HER
SINCE THE VILLAGE IS ISOLATED FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD, IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE FOR A SUPERSTITION LIKE THAT TO TAKE ROOT HERE
DON'T TAKE NOTE OF THINGS AROUND YOU, DO YOU?
YOU REALLY..
I'm not sure if it's a curse or a gift?
And I haven't seen your face in Heaven before really
HUH
YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT
@Michael Really? I'd never seen a face with dark hair.
HEY
ALL ANGELS UPON CREATION HAVE LIGHT-COLORED HAIR, EYES...
...AND BEAUTIFUL WHITE WINGS.
##REGARDLESS OF THEIR STATUS.

I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COLORS, BUT
RENJI, JUST WHAT COLOR IS YOUR HAIR?
AH YES, KAITO ..
...WHAT COLOR IS YOURS?

...TO HEAR A GENUINELY KIND WORD.
Pyuu!
ER, ABOUT THESE GUYS
WHY ARE THEY SO ATTACHED TO ME?
Attached to you? It's more like you're the only people who
REALLY I WONDER WHY.
Heh heh

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THOSE AROUND ME.
THAT'S RIGHT.
I'VE DONE EVERYTHING I CAN
BECAUSE IF I JUST LAMENTED OVER MY CURRENT SITUATION, I WOULD NEVER HAVE MOVED FORWARD
MY ADVANCEMENTS MY CONVICTION, ALL CREATED BY ME ALONE

THAT'S HOW...ALL I WAS DOING WAS FOOLING THEM.

KAITO...
...DO YOU HATE YOURSELF?
NOW .. I LIKE MYSELF THE WAY I AM
...YOU TALK ABOUT YOURSELF
WELL, IT'S NOT EVERYDAY..
AND YET DESPITE ALL THAT, SHE'S NOT BITTER. ALL SHE WANTS...IS TO BE ACCEPTED AND LOVED
WHAT SHE WANTS IS...
PREJUDICE... MISUNDERSTANDINGS ..
LONELINESS.
.....

WE WERE COLLECTING MEDICINAL PLANTS TO MAKE MEDICINE FOR EVERYONE
WHAT ARE THEY DOING UP ON THAT MOUNTAIN ALL THE TIME?
SEEMS THEY HEAL ILLNESS USING SUSPICIOUS ARTS
I HEAR THEY'RE FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY
WHAT A STRANGE COUPLE I HEAR THAT THEY ARE RAISING A SICK ABANDONED CHILD
MY KIND FATHER AND MOTHER.
THEY TAUGHT ME EVERYTHING
.....
IF I'M THE SOURCE OF ALL THIS
. . THEN I'LL BE ON MY WAY
ス
WHAT'S WITH YOU PEOPLE?!
YOU'RE FULL OF BULLCRAP!
LULU HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT!

LULU!
A DEVIL?
SINCE LONG AGO, THIS HOUSE HAS HAD A SUSPICIOUS AIR TO IT!
IF YOU PLAN ON SABOTAGING OUR VILLAGE WITH EVIL, YOU'LL DO BEST TO LEAVE, TOO!
WHAT ARE YOU ALL DOING HERE?
WE HEARD YOU WERE SHELTERING A DEVIL!
THE VILLAGE SUFFERED TERRIBLY WHEN THE AVALANCHE HIT.
YOUR ADOPTED PARENTS' DEATH AND THAT HUGE AVALANCHE.
THE LOSS OF YOUR SIGHT.
EVERYONE'S SURE IT WAS THE WORK OF DEVILS!
WE DON'T WANT WHAT HAPPENED TEN YEARS AGO TO HAPPEN AGAIN!
TEN YEARS AGO...
!

IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO JUST LEAVE HIM LIKE THIS
I'M GOING OUT TO COLLECT AN HERB THAT WILL HELP BRING DOWN THE FEVER
WHAT ABOUT THE COLD MEDICINE I PREPARED BEFORE?
FORGET ABOUT THE MEDICINE!
.....
NO WAY! IT'S DANGEROUS OUT THERE!
RENJI!
I'LL GO INSTEAD!
LULU...
.....

EVERYONE, COME QUICK!
BUT--
NO!
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!
THE SNOW STORM! YOU'D HAVE TO CROSS THE ENTIRE MOUNTAIN BEFORE FINDING ANOTHER PLACE TO REST!
MY SON, HE--!
IT'S AN EMER-GENCY!
HIS FEVER IS STEEP.
HIS COLD'S TAKEN A TURN FOR THE WORSE
LULU .

...THAT SUCH FEELINGS REALLY CAN BE COMMUNICATED
SO THAT...
WHAT DO I DO?
IN THIS STORM, I CAN'T HOLD ONTO MY SENSE OF DIRECTION
I CAN'T FIND IT IN THE USUAL SPOT.
Gruff!
!
I WANT YOU TO BELIEVE.
I WANT YOU TO MAKE ME BELIEVE...
WHERE?
OH!
IS IT HERE?
WHAT'S UP WITH THIS WEATHER?
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A BAD SNOWSTORM!
DESPITE SUFFERING BOTH SADNESS AND PAIN...
...YOU ARE STILL SO KIND...
...FOLLOWING YOUR OWN STRAIGHT PATH IN LIFE.
PERHAPS WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TRULY UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER ON EVERY LEVEL, BUT.

...MY HEART CAN BE MOVED AGAIN.

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OH, GOD IT'S THE SAME AS TEN YEARS AGO!
THAT GIRL HAS CALLED A DISASTER UPON US!
TOO LATE!
THERE'S NOWHERE TO RUN!
RENJI!
I'M ON IT!
ドン
ゴゴゴゴ
THAT SOUND?!
WHERE HAVE I HEARD IT BEFORE...?
KA--
KAITO?
ゴゴゴ
WHO... WHO ARE YOU?
ドン
WHAT HAPPENED JUST NOW?
オー
THERE WAS A SEVERE SNOWSTORM THAT DAY, TOO.
THAT'S RIGHT. TEN YEARS AGO...
IT'S COMING THIS WAY!
HM...?
MY GOD!
COME LOOK!

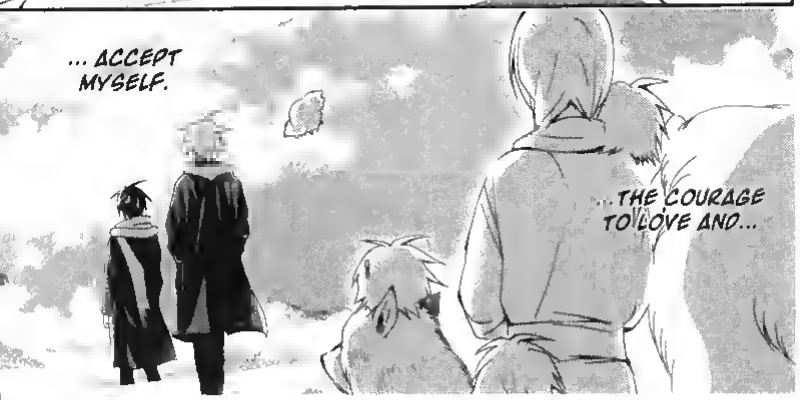
THANK YOU.
THANK YOU.
YEAH
THANKS FOR EVERY-THING
NO...
I'M RELIEVED.
THE SNOWSTORM'S FINALLY OVER

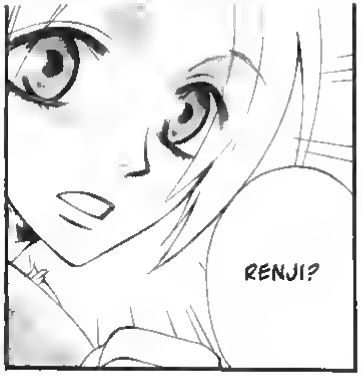
WELL..
A-an angel?!
I TAKE IT YOU.. COULDN'T GET THE PLANT.
LULU.
WITH THIS I'M SURE HE'LL BE OKAY.
TH--

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL LIGHT...
IT'S BEAUTIFUL...
RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES.
IT'S SO... BRILLIANT.
HUH..?
OH MY..

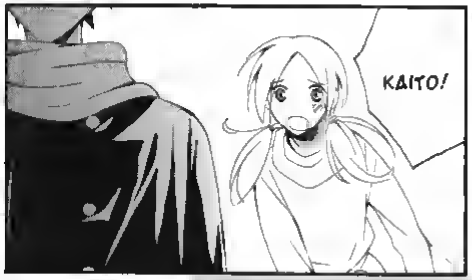
NO QUESTION ABOUT IT.
YOU SURE...
..YOU'RE ALL RIGHT WITH IT?
DO IT, RENJI.
HUH? WHAT IS IT?
LET'S JUST SAY IT'S STRONGER THAN ANY MEDICINE YOU'VE GOT.
LULU, AS THANKS OR WHATEVER YOU MIGHT CALL IT...
WE'LL GIVE YOU A SECRET MEDICINE.
WELL
OKAY, THEN.

AND YOU TOLD ME IT.





THIS MUST BE WHAT I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR ALL THIS TIME.



Soul Rescue

C'mon!
WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU'RE LOOKIN' DOWN, KAITO!
IF YOU TRY TO USE ANY MORE SR...
THEN DON'T COME CRYING TO ME WHEN YOU'RE EXHAUSTED.
WANT ME TO USE SOME SR ON YA?
After all angels are prohibited from loving
NO THANKS
START WORRYING ABOUT YOURSELF FOR ONCE.
WAIT UP!
SUCK IT UP
IF YOU FALL ASLEEP, YOU'LL DIE.
YOU'RE MORE HEARTLESS THAN BEFORE!
ERGH... NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
Uh-oh

THIS IS WHAT YOU GET FOR LEAPING BEFORE YOU LOOK
SEE? WHAT DO I ALWAYS SAY?
WITH THE POWER OF SOUL RESCUE EMBEDDED IN RENJI'S LIPS...
.....
...THE TWO CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEY TO SAVE HUMANITY
IF YOU KNOW THAT THEN WHY DO YOU ALWAYS REPEAT THE SAME MISTAKES?!
WELL, EXCUUUSE ME! WE DON'T EXACTLY HAVE TIME TO PLAN THIS ALL OUT!
Aargh!
..HOPEFULLY.
GRR!
IF YOU'RE SO SMART, THEN YOU SHOULD'VE STOPPED ME!
JUST PLAN OUT OUR WHOLE TRIP, WHY DON'T YOU?!
GIVE IT A REST!
All right already!
THAT'S...
REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME WE WENT ON A SHIP WITHOUT ASKING FIRST?
AT THIS RATE WE'LL NEVER RETURN TO HEAVEN HOW MANY CENTURIES WILL IT TAKE TO SAVE ALL THOSE 10,000 SOULS?!
AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, I FEEL IT WOULD BE BEST TO VISIT COUNTRIES WITH THE LARGEST POPULATIONS AND ARE THE EASIEST TO GET TO FIRST.
.....

THERE IS A WORLD CARVING OUT A NEW HISTORY FOR ITSELF
IN THE DISTANT FUTURE...
MEET THE ROGUE ANGEL, RENJI, CAST INTO THE MORTAL WORLD...
THIS PLACE IS DESERTED!
NOT A SINGLE SOUL IN SIGHT.
.. ALONG WITH HIS GUARDIAN ESCORT, KAITO.

IT'S NOT LIKE I NEED HIM ANYWAY.
What's a squirt like him scolding me about being my guardian?
AND NEVER LETTING EVEN THE LITTLEST THING SLIP! UGH, WHAT A DRAG!
ALWAYS WITH THE NAGGING!
DAMN, HE PISSES ME OFF!!
* Completely unrelated
NOT TO MENTION
IT'S THANKS TO MY SENSE OF INTUITION THAT'S KEPT THIS JOURNEY FROM CRASHING INTO THE GROUND
IT'S MY SOUL RESCUE THAT DOES THE SAVING AFTER ALL. MY POWER ALONE.
HE SHOULD HAVE MORE FAITH IN ME
BINGO..

I WON'T GO BERSERK!
YOU WANT TO GO HOME, RIGHT? THEN ASK GOD TO TAKE YOU HOME!
!
FINE, WHATEVER!
AHEM I AM MERELY AN OVER-SEER IN ALL THIS
IT'S MY JOB TO WATCH OVER YOU AND MAKE SURE YOU DON'T GO BERSERK AGAIN
GOD PRECISELY TOLD ME NOT TO GET INVOLVED ANY MORE THAN THAT
Where're you
RENJI!
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
ANSWER ME!
FORGET IT! I'LL GO THE REST OF THE WAY MYSELF!
SEE YOU LATER, CHUMP!
.....
FINE, DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE!
GRR!
That idiot
.....

COME ONE, COME ALL!
GATHER ROUND!
LISTEN TO THE HOTTEST NEWS IN THE CITY!
Rogue Angel

BENEATH THE OLD CHERRY TREE BY KOTOBUKI BRIDGE...
A YOUNG WOMAN'S SPIRIT APPEARS THERE NIGHT AFTER NIGHT!
THIS STORY...
...IS RUMORED TO BE OF THE SAME GIRL WHO THREW HER BODY FROM THIS VERY SPOT A MERE THREE DAYS AGO!
THEY SAY YOU CAN HEAR HER SOBBING, DESPAIRING VOICE THERE AT NIGHT
REPENTING FOR HER SINS, SHE IS TRAPPED IN THE MORTAL WORLD, UNABLE TO MOVE ONTO THE NEXT

NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL INTERESTING ATTIRE
NOT TO MENTION

HUH EITHER WAY, IT'S FINE BY ME!
UH-OH. I BET I STAND OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB
Huh?
It's a foreigner!

EVERYONE'S HAIR AND EYES ARE COMPLETELY BLACK
JUST LIKE KAITO...
WHO SAID THAT BLACK HAIR AND EYES ARE THE SIGN OF THE DEVIL?

SR

Japanese style!!

You know I've been looking forward to doing it forever!

I enjoy period dramas like this. When I was in middle school, I'd watch historical plays and read historical novels almost everyday. So I was in heaven when my school trip took us to Kyoto. (← I was a Shinsengumi maniac, you see.)

Since it seems the majority of my readers really enjoy kimonos, it's a good thing you're reading this chapter.

Though I often don't know what to think of it as a country, Japanese drawings and architecture and alphabets really are something beautiful, don't you think? I like that word "wa" 和. It's a great character. It not only means "Japan" but also "peace" and "harmony."

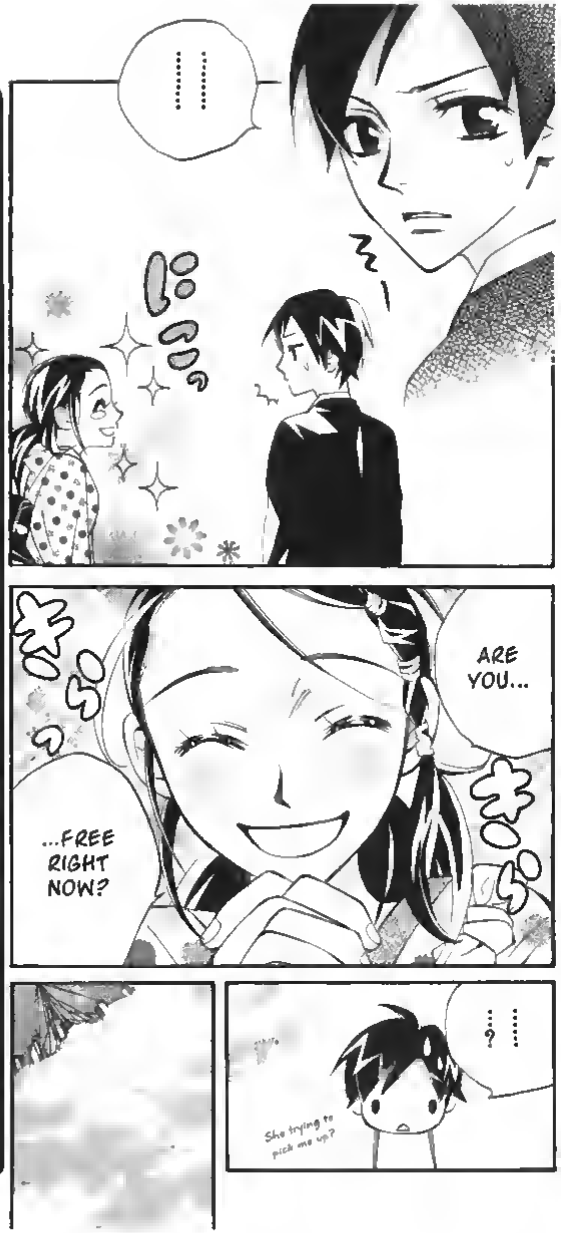
HUH
I DON'T FULLY UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT YOU SEEM INTERESTING ENOUGH
I'M TRAVELING AROUND TRYING TO HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING
GAAH! WHAT AM I SAYING?!
I JUST NEED HER TO TELL ME WHERE THIS SUFFERING IS SO THAT I CAN HELP!
AND UH
SINCE WE'RE FRIENDS, SURE WHY NOT?
Hence his really is an out of control angel
What a pain!
ERGH! MAYBE I SHOULD JUST THROW MYSELF AT HER NOW!
MY NAME'S MIU.
I'M RENJI.
WONDER IF THIS IS FOR THE BEST
I'm not here to punish you or you demon.
BUT, REALLY
WHAT AN UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS, MEETING HIM HERE
WHAT THEY CALL FATE, I SUPPOSE

I GUESS YOU FIND FOREIGNERS TO BE A RARITY AROUND HERE, HUH?
THAT'S BECAUSE OUR COUNTRY'S RATHER SECLUDED
FEELS LIKE I'VE BEEN PUT ON DISPLAY
HEAVEN
HEAVEN? NEVER HEARD OF IT
I MEAN, I WEAR WHAT I LIKE AND DYE MY HAIR BECAUSE I WANT TO
THAT'S BECAUSE I'M AN OUTCAST IN THIS VILLAGE
BUT YOU SEEM DIFFERENT
Yeah, THAT'S SORTA LIKE WHERE I COME FROM
ALSO, MOST PEOPLE HERE HAVE SUCH AN INFLEXIBLE ATTITUDE
Multi-layered parfait
DID HE HAVE TO ENDURE THIS FOR HIS ENTIRE TIME IN HEAVEN?
THEY'RE COMPLETELY THE SAME
WHO'S EVER HEARD OF A BLACK-HAIRED BLACK-EYED ANGEL BEFORE ANYWAY?
AN OUTSIDER STARES HUSHED VOICES
LONELINESS
UH?
WELL I UH, THAT IS
WHAT ARE YOU REALLY AFTER HERE?
RIGHT
SO
WH-WHATEVER!
NOT LIKE WHAT HE DOES MATTERS ANYMORE!

SR

Uuuh
Since I get quite a few letters from fans saying they want to know more about me, I'm going to tell you a little about myself now. A profile, you might call it. I'm sorry but anyone not interested can just skip over this part then. First off, my birthday is January 30th and I was born in downtown Tokyo. I'm an Aquarius and my blood-type is AB. My hobbies include listening to music and going to live performances. How's that for the basic run down? As for my personality, I've recently come to realize that I can be rather selfish. And then my little sister had to go and ask "You only realized **now**?" I need to grow up, and be more mature... even though it's next to impossible.

I'm sorry. It's not a manga drawing.



I DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS SO STUPID..
I MEAN, I FORGOT.
MEANWHILE..
I SWEAR, I THOUGHT HE'D GROWN UP AT LEAST A LITTLE.
THERE REALLY IS NO ONE HERE
BUT ..
PLAYING IN THE WATER, HM?
THOUGH IT SEEMS A BIT CHILLY FOR THAT

TO BE THE ONE TO ACCOMPANY YOU
EVEN SO.
—THE FACT THAT KAITO HAS ABANDONED HIS MISSION
Even if it is temporary
—IS FROM THE BAD INFLUENCE THAT OUT-OF-CONTROL ANGEL HAS HAD ON HIM!
—INDEED.
A—
Why's he smiling?
.....
AND...
...THOSE TWO COULD NEVER REALLY SEPARATE.
THE TIME HAS COME THAT YOU UNDERSTAND.
WHY I CHOSE KAITO
AT ANY RATE, THE TIME WILL COME WHEN HE WILL UNDERSTAND
UNDERSTAND JUST HOW IRREPLACEABLE THEY ARE TO ONE ANOTHER.

GOD!
HEAVEN
HAVE YOU SEEN WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ON EARTH?!
IT'S A MOST ALARMING SITUATION!
HM?
Mini screen
NOW THAT THAT OUT-OF-CONTROL ANGEL'S ON HIS OWN, WHAT COURSE OF ACTION DO YOU SUGGEST WE TAKE?
HE'S ALREADY LET GO OF MY HAND...
...AND NOW HE'S TAKING ACTION ACCORDING TO HIS OWN INITIATIVE.
RENJI...
—HE'S MATURED CONSIDERABLY.
ON THEIR JOURNEYS UP UNTIL NOW
HE'LL BE FINE
WHA—?
That's it?

THE FIRST ONE WAS SAKURA
MY
SECOND?
YOU'RE THE SECOND PERSON
TO EVER SAY THAT TO ME
MY ONE AND ONLY FRIEND
AND THE CAUSE... WAS SUCH AN SMALL THING.
...SHE'S DEAD.
BE-CAUSE OF ME..

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UGH, OF ALL THE TIMES
A COLD?
WHAT ELSE DO YOU EXPECT IN THOSE CLOTHES?
COME WITH ME!
AH?
CHOO!
IT'S A DISCOUNT ITEM, BUT
AT LEAST WITH THIS YOU WON'T STAND OUT SO MUCH, EH?
Looks great!
Perfect!
THIS FEELS SORTA HARD TO MOVE AROUND IN
YEAH THANKS
LOOK, WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT BEING AN OUTCAST HERE...
WHY IS THAT? YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON

I HATE YOU, SAKURA!!
BUT THE NEXT DAY..
I HEARD THAT SAKURA HAD THROWN HERSELF FROM THIS VERY BRIDGE
AND IT WAS AFTER THAT
...THAT HER SPIRIT STARTED TO APPEAR TO PEOPLE
...!
I'VE EVER REALLY LOST SOMETHING PRECIOUS TO ME
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME..
I DON'T CARE IF SHE'S JUST A GHOST. I WANT TO SEE HER!
I WANT TO APOLOGIZE...
EVEN THOUGH IT'S ALREADY BEEN THREE DAYS
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SHE'S DEAD!

I'VE ALSO HAPPENED TO FALL FOR THE YOUNG MASTER OF THE HOUSE THERE
I HAVE NO RELATIVES
SO, WHILE WORKING AT A DRY-GOODS STORE, I'M ALSO RECEIVING ROOM AND BOARD
SAKURA?
OF COURSE I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT ME
BUT SAKURA KNEW THAT I LIKED HIM
YOU BACK-STABBER!!
HIDING THIS FROM ME?!
WHAT IS THAT, HM?!
YOU'RE NOT MY FRIEND ANYMORE!!

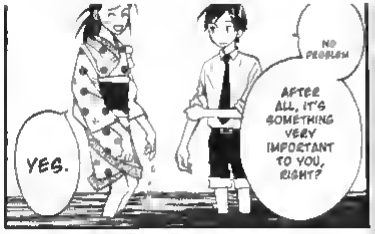
BUT DO SUCH THINGS REALLY EXIST?
IT SEEMS A GHOST IS A SOUL WHO REMAINS ON THE MORTAL PLANE
NO MATTER HOW STRONG THEIR DESIRE TO STAY, THEY ONLY CAN REMAIN IN THIS PLANE FOR AN INSTANT, MAXIMUM
WHEN PEOPLE DIE, THEY ARE BROUGHT RIGHT AWAY TO EITHER HEAVEN OR HELL
Like what happened to Jason.
AAH, DAMMIT IF KAITO WERE HERE...
WELL THEN, WHAT THE HECK'S A GHOST?
SHE'S NOT COMING OUT
LET'S GO TOGETHER..
SAKURA...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER REALLY LOST SOMETHING PRECIOUS TO ME
IT SUCKS TO ADMIT IT, BUT HE REALLY...
HE ALWAYS TOOK CARE OF THESE KINDS OF THINGS FOR ME

MIU...
WEREN'T WE FRIENDS?
THE TWO OF US.
COME ON, LET'S GO TOGETHER...
MIU...
I'M LONELY...

BECAUSE HE'S AN IDIOT! HE GOT PISSED OFF AND JUST WENT OFF BY HIMSELF
SPROUT
WE NEVER REALLY GOT ALONG IN THE FIRST PLACE SO IT'S JUST AS WELL
WHY'D YOU DO THAT?!
HOW COULD--
NO. THERE WERE TWO OF US, BUT WE SPLIT UP TODAY.

...IT'S SO LONELY.
BUT
WHEN SOMEONE WHO'S ALWAYS BEEN WITH YOU GOES AWAY..

FAMILY... LOVED ONES
FRIENDS
Kuff!
AN ANGEL NEEDS NONE OF THESE THINGS
BEEN ALONE ALL THIS TIME, ANYWAY
BUT I'VE ALREADY..


YES.
AFTER ALL, IT'S SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO YOU, RIGHT?
NO PROBLEM

YEP
I CAN SLEEP PRETTY MUCH ANYWHERE
AND I HAVE PLENTY OF DRIED PEACHES FOR FOOD.
WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU'VE BEEN HERE ALL DAY?
Survivor

Break time

I'M SORRY FOR MAKING YOU HELP ME AND UNTIL SO LATE AT NIGHT TOO
MY ONE AND ONLY FRIEND...

HAVE YOU BEEN DOING THAT ALL BY YOURSELF THIS WHOLE TIME?
TRAVELING AROUND THE WORLD AND ALL THAT
OH, PLEASE! YOU'RE THE AMAZING ONE, KAITO.
BUT..
IT REALLY IS AMAZING
PUTTING SO MUCH ENERGY INTO DOING SOMETHING FOR SOMEONE ELSE...

SUDDENLY, I'M NOT SO SURE
SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHAT EXACTLY IS A FRIEND?
...NO FRIEND OF MINE.
BUT HE'S..
WHATEVER! I'LL PROVE TO HIM...
THAT I CAN MAKE IT ON MY OWN!
!
MIU?!

WE CARRY OUT THE DUTIES GIVEN US BECAUSE THAT IS THE ONLY REASON FOR OUR EXISTENCE.
WE ARE ALL UNDER THE RULE OF THE ONE AND ONLY GOD.
I SWEAR! HE'S SO SPACEY AND STUPID!
WITHOUT MY HELP, HE CAN'T DO ANYTHING!
NO EITHER WAY YOU LOOK AT IT, THIS IS ALL RENJI'S FAULT!
THEN WHAT AM I NOW?
I ABANDONED MY ORDERS DOES THIS MEAN I'VE TURNED MY BACK ON GOD'S WILL?
WHY DON'T YOU GO GET HIM BACK?
DON'T BE SO STUBBORN
NO, I'M--!
YOU'RE FRIENDS, AREN'T YOU?
I'M SURE HE'S IN A TIGHT SPOT RIGHT NOW
YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT HIM

I'M SORRY SAKURA
NOW
QUICKLY..
I I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ALONE SO
FOR SAYING THOSE THINGS
COME TO ME.
..GETTING TO BE YOUR FRIEND, SAKURA MADE ME SO HAPPY
THAT'S RIGHT..
THAT IS WHY...
WE'RE FRIENDS...
...WE MUST DIE TOGETHER.

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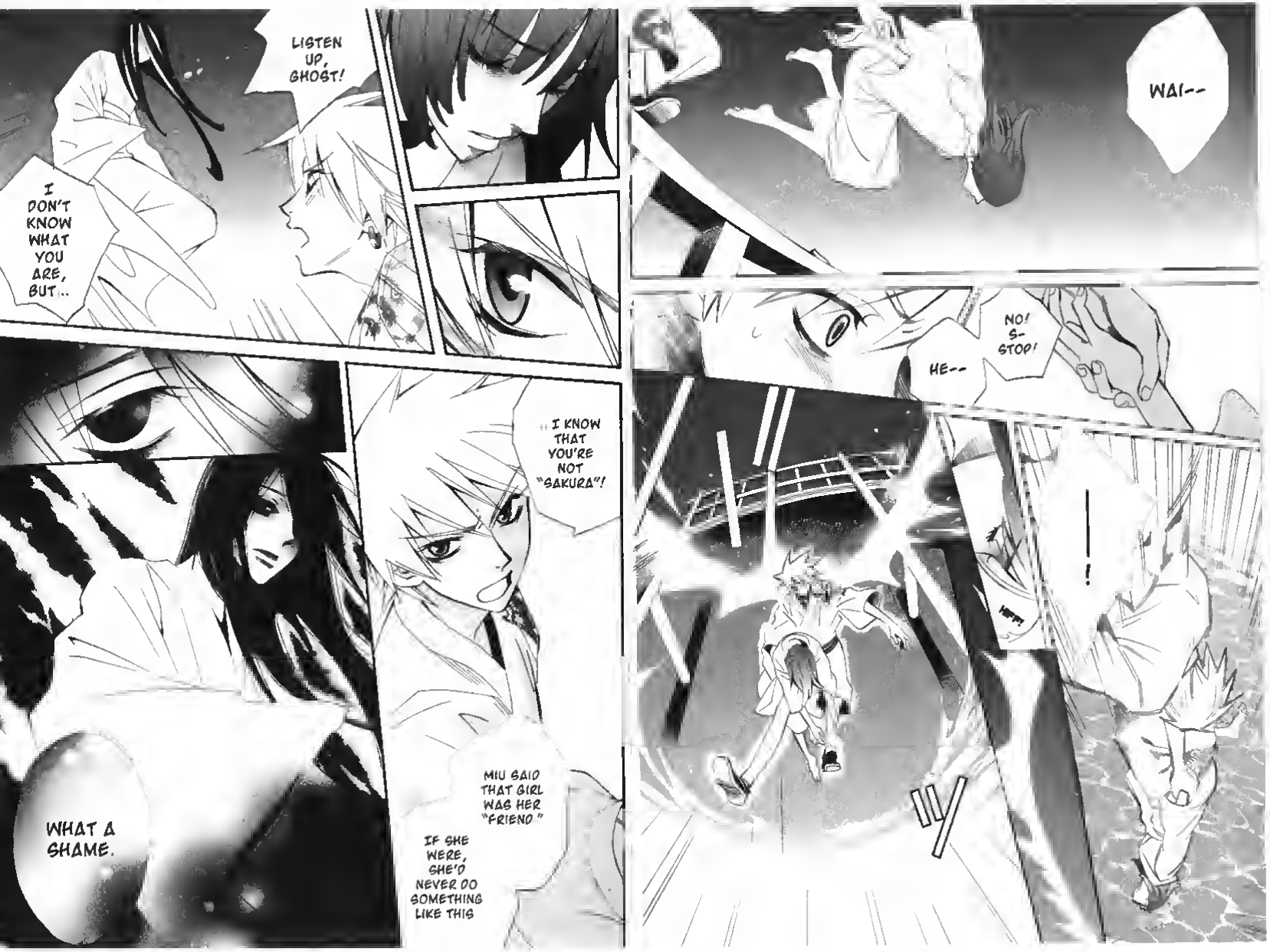
SAKURA
MIU...


LISTEN UP, GHOST!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE, BUT..
..I KNOW THAT YOU'RE NOT "SAKURA"!
MIU SAID THAT GIRL WAS HER "FRIEND"
IF SHE WERE, SHE'D NEVER DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS
WHAT A SHAME.
WAI--
HE--
NO! S- STOP!
!!

YOU'RE NOT BOTH GOING TO TAKE US ON AT ONCE?
SO YOU DID SURVIVE..
YOU'VE BEEN UP TO SOME PRETTY ELABORATE SCHEMES WHERE'D YOU FIND THE TIME?
WE WERE A LITTLE NEGLIGENT BEFORE, BUT..
..WHAT DO YOU SAY TO BEING MORE SERIOUS THIS TIME AROUND?
I WON'T LET YOU GUYS..
..DO AS YOU PLEASE EVER AGAIN!
WE SETTLE IT NOW!
VINNY!! WHY, YOU--!
SH--
SHUT UP!!
STILL, I DIDN'T THINK IT'D TAKE YOU SO LONG TO REALIZE..
WHERE'S YOUR PARTNER TODAY, OH GREAT ANGEL?
AND AFTER I WAS SO SURE I'D BE ABLE TO...
..PULL A SOUL TO HELL RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES.

EVEN WNEN FIGHTIHG, HE NEVER LOSES NIMSELF.
SEEMS HE'S CHANGED COHSIDERABLY.
HMM ...
SINCE BEFORE
INTER-ESTING

THAT'S MY LINE.
!
YOU WON'T MAKE A FOOL OF ME!
!

WHAT'S GOING ON?
URGH!
IT'S SO HARD FOR ME TO FIGHT
I CAN'T EVEN TAKE ON THIS ONE GUY
DAMN IT!
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THIS BY MYSELF!
BACK IN HEAVEN, I DID THIS PLENTY OF TIMES.
IS IT THAT BEFORE I REALIZED IT
..I'D GOTTEN USED TO FIGHTING AS A TEAM?

!!

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!
...NO!
WHAT IS IT THAT'S PISSING ME OFF SO MUCH?
NO.
IS IT THE FIGHT?
THESE GUYS?
IT'S HIM.
.. THE THOUGHT'S BEEN NAGGING ME
THE THOUGHT THAT HE'S NOT COMING
I'M NOT QUITE SURE, BUT..
GOODBYE, OH GREAT ANGEL!
COME RIGHT NOW!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO COME, COME!
PLEASE GET HERE QUICKLY!
LET'S END THIS.
...IT'D FELT LIKE SECOND NATURE TO HAVE HIM AROUND.
!
THAT'S IT. IN NO TIME AT ALL...
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
I'M STILL NOT SATISFIED.
.....
IT MIGHT BE FUN THIS WAY, TOO

SO THE REAL SHOW STARTS NOW, EH?
UUH!
DAMMIT
MY POWERS!
QUITE A POSITION YOU FOUND YOURSELF IN FOR BEING A REBELLIOUS ANGEL
...YOU'RE LATE.
LET'S GO!

KAITO!!

I CAN STILL KEEP MY WITS ABOUT ME WHILE CONCENTRATING ON JUST ONE FIGHT...
...AND USE MY POWER TO ITS FULLEST
THERE'S A SENSE OF SECURITY FROM KNOWING MY BACK IS COVERED
IS THIS WHAT THEY CALL "FRIENDSHIP"?
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE TO SEE AN ANGEL BE LIKE THIS
TO THINK YOU CAN PUT SO MUCH FAITH IN A SPECIFIC PARTNER, OTHER THAN GOD
THAT'S SOME FAITH YOU PLACE IN HIM.
BUT I SEE NOW THAT THE REAL POWER IS ACTUALLY IN KAITO

DON'T GET TOO COCKY JUST BECAUSE THERE'S ONE MORE OF YOU
NO MATTER.
LET'S MAKE THIS FUN, SHALL WE?
I DON'T THINK SO!
?!

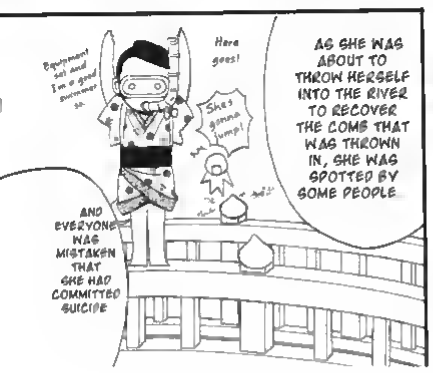
.....
BUT NOW WHAT I SEE BEFORE ME...
I TOLD YOU THIS ONCE BEFORE
YOU'RE NO REAL ANGEL. YOU'RE A DEVIL
...IS A HUMAN.
.....
BOTH YOU AND I...
...WERE ONCE HUMANS OURSELVES.
BUT DON'T FORGET, VINNY.

MIU...
NN
MIU-CHAN..?
RISE AND SHINE, MIU-CHAN!
Yay!
SA...
SA...
SAKURA!!

I DON'T WANT TO KILL YOU, SO WE'LL END IT HERE FOR TODAY
YOU'RE INTERESTING
I LIKE YOU.
LET'S PLAY AGAIN ANOTHER TIME
VINNY?!
Wait for me!
VINNY, WAIT!
THEY GOT AWAY AGAIN.
H--
HEY!!
Dammit all!
I'LL SPARE YOU FOR TODAY!

..I'M SO HAPPY
YOU'RE ALIVE
I LET IT GET ALL BEAT UP AND FOR ALL THESE DAYS, I I'M SUCH A FOOL
I'M SUCH A DUNCE I FORGOT ABOUT MY OWN BIRTHDAY!
BUT...

I'M SORRY!
I'M SORRY...


Boyfriend! Set aside! I'm a good swimmer so.
Here goes!
She's gonna jump!
AS SHE WAS ABOUT TO THROW HERSELF INTO THE RIVER TO RECOVER THE COMB THAT WAS THROWN IN, SHE WAS SPOTTED BY SOME PEOPLE
AND EVERYONE WAS MISTAKEN THAT SHE HAD COMMITTED SUICIDE

OKAY, I THINK I MISSED SOMETHING HERE, BUT
ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL
WHEN YOU LISTEN TO BOTH THEIR STORIES...

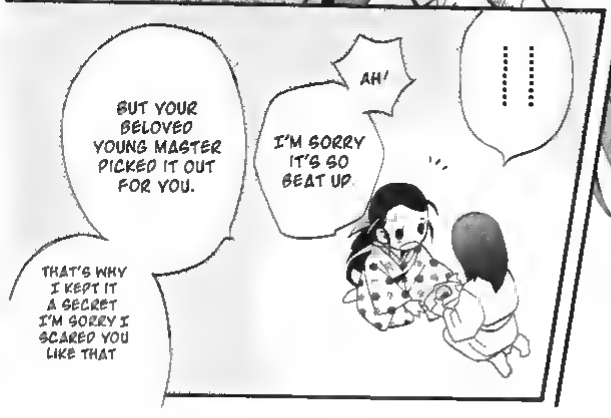
HERE

I'M SORRY I'M LATE, MIU-CHAN
YOU
YOU HAVE LEGS SO YOU MUSTN'T BE A GHOST!

SO THAT'S "MIU-CHAN"
"SAKURA"?! I THOUGHT SHE WAS DEAD

MIU-CHAN.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

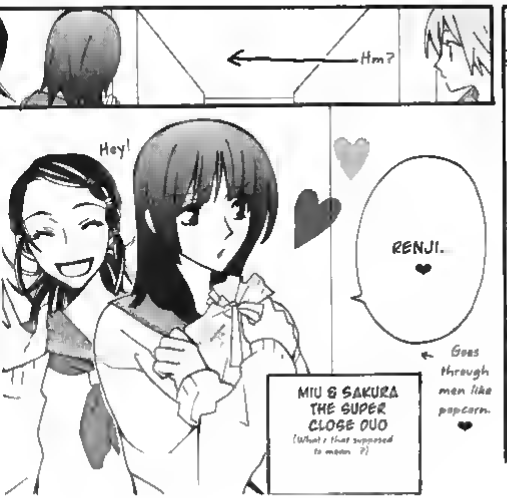
HIDING THIS FROM ME!
THIS IS...
FROM THAT NIGHT!

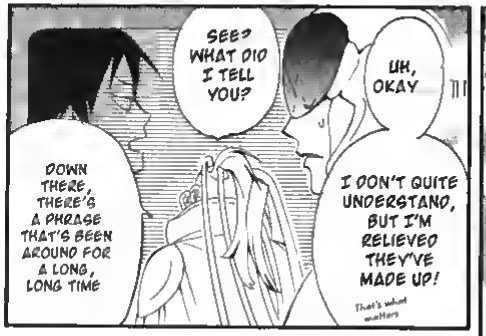

BUT YOUR BELOVED YOUNG MASTER PICKED IT OUT FOR YOU.
THAT'S WHY I KEPT IT A SECRET I'M SORRY I SCARED YOU LIKE THAT
AH!
I'M SORRY IT'S SO BEAT UP.
.....

...IT'S THE PERSON THAT'S BEEN BESIDE YOU ALL ALONG
WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT...
I WONDER IF...
...WE REALLY COULD BE CALLED FRIENDS
WELL... YOU REALLY SAVED MY BUTT THIS TIME
DID YOU THINK IT OVER SOME?
I didn't mean like SEX or anything
It's freaking me out
YOU'RE BEING AWFULLY HONEST
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT WHAT THEY SAID
BUT...

UNABLE TO FIND IT THERE, SHE THOUGHT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN CARRIED DOWNSTREAM AND SO SHE
..CONTINUED DOWN THE RIVER FOR SOME DAYS, LOOKING FOR IT.
I'M ALWAYS CAUSING YOU TROUBLE, MIU-CHAN
Getting you angry and stuff
Sweating
THAT'S JUST THE KIND OF GIRL SHE IS
OH, YOU FLATTER ME!
YEAH
FOR EXAMPLE..
BUT IT'S NOT THAT AMAZING
THE PEOPLE THAT COME TO MIND WHEN THINGS GET TOUGH...
..ARE THE ONES YOU JUST CAN'T PART WITH EVEN AFTER A FIGHT!
MIU, SAKURA
CARING SO MUCH ABOUT EACH OTHER..
JUST GOES TO SHOW WHAT GREAT FRIENDS YOU REALLY ARE

I'D WRITTEN BEFORE THAT IT WASN'T GOING TO HAVE A CONTINUATION, BUT SINCE THE READER REACTION WAS SO GOOD, I DECIDED TO DO AN OUT-OF-SEASON (SINCE IT'S JUNE NOW) VALENTINE'S DAY STORY!




SEE? WHAT DID I TELL YOU?
UH, OKAY
DOWN THERE, THERE'S A PHRASE THAT'S BEEN AROUND FOR A LONG, LONG TIME
I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND, BUT I'M RELIEVED THEY'VE MADE UP!
That's what matters

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MALE-FEMALE RELATIONSHIPS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED!
So says the school rules book!
Hooligans!
You there!
THE LOUD-MOUTH'S HERE
TWEET
RENJI!
AH!
I SWEAR...
Good for nothing
IT'S PEOPLE LIKE YOU WHO ARE CORRUPTING OUR SCHOOL'S MORALES
HUH?
HUH? ↓
I'M SO SORRY!
I'M JUST CAUSING TROUBLE, AREN'T I?
NO!
ER...
I mean
What should I say?
I...
I'M SORRY...
UM...
LULU THE PHARMACIST'S DAUGHTER
ガー
She cut in line!
DIVORCED, NOW WITH KIDS
LINDA → Huge breasts
TH-THIS IS FOR YOU.

NOW THEN.

GATHER CLOSE, EVERYONE!

CLASS REPRESENTATIVE JANIS

MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER CROWD...

I DIDN'T GET A SINGLE CHOCOLATE THIS YEAR!

God's so unfair!

BOO...

Suicide door

SHE'S AN ANGEL!

OMIGOD!

AN ANGEL!!

Thank youuuu!

義理 Honor

PRINCIPAL!

DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD ALLOW MALE-FEMALE RELATIONSHIPS THEN?

And for such selfish reasons no less!

Hidden camera

MEAN-WHILE

HOW HOMOSEXUAL

CHOCOLATE !@

Principal's Office

WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE FOR SOME

Vice Principal

Hah hah hah

BONUS

TO MY SWEET KEN!!

Chocolate

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